

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 1633**

PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 04853.0138-00000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Shinzo YASUDA et al.) Group Art Unit: 1633
Application No.: 10/594,417) Examiner: Scott LONG
International Filing Date: March 25, 2005)
371(c) Date: September 26, 2006) Confirmation No.: 2159
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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Applicants now respond to the Final Office Action mailed December 20, 2007.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.